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LAST CALL FOR 1991 DUES

Many members have not yet submitted their \$3.00 dues to continue their membership in CATC. If you are one of them, there will be a star after your name on the envelope this came in. Please remit your dues to Steve Alpert, Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066; if you don't, you'll be dropped as a member and this will be the last issue of Token Topics you will receive. Some members are paid up for one to several years past 1991 and may be unaware of it. If you are one of them, the year through which you are paid up follows your name on the envelope.

NOVEMBER MEETING REPORT:

Seven members were present for our November meeting: Steve Alpert, John Barnes, Dick Bestard, Walter Dirzulaitis, Wally Shidler, Ken Smith, and Elaine Willahan. Also present was guest Jim Sarra. A small auction netted the club \$3.50; the seven lots included books, tokens, medals, and paper items. Club officers will remain the same for 1991.

JANUARY MEETING:

We will meet on Sat., Jan. 19, 1991, 1-5PM, at our regular meeting place, at Mercury Savings, 22939 Hawthorne Blvd., in Torrance. Mercury Savings has been absorbed by Security Pacific National Bank, so the big Mercury sign may no longer be on the building.

The free books from The Money Tree, mentioned last issue, didn't arrive in time for the November meeting. They were shipped and received in early December. We were sent two cartons of books. Fortunately, as I had requested, they sent many token and medal books, journals, catalogs, auction lists, etc., plus many general numismatic books. Over 75 pieces in all was sent, some of it unusual and interesting stuff. They will all be spread out on a couple of tables at the meeting. If anyone present is interested in a book, they will move it to the auction table. We will then auction off the books moved to the auction table. Those left on the original table will be free for the taking or auctioned all as a single lot. All proceeds from the books will go to the club's treasury. It will help us maintain our low dues of \$3 per year, even with a postal rate hike due soon. We will have a regular auction also, so bring material to sell. But be sure to attend. We are overdue for a big turnout.

NEW BOOKS:

Many new exnumia books have appeared in 1990. Below are mentioned a few that you may not have learned of yet. First, for collectors of souvenir trade coins of the U.S., who are getting tired waiting for Steve Tureen to publish his big catalogue on the series, Jean-Guy Cote has released his 4th edition of his "Handbook of United States Municipal Trade Currency", 4x7", 72p. His 1991 Pocket Guide of Canadian Trade Dollars is also available. Price is \$4.00 each, postpaid. Order from Micro-Art, Suite 207, P.O.Box 2213, Station P, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 2T2.

Just published is the 1991 Edition of the Hawaiian Money Standard Catalogue, by Don Medcalf & Ron Russell, hard cover, 160p., over 2000 listings, over 600 photos. This edition is greatly improved over the earlier one, which was pretty good to start with. I found this book the most enjoyable exnumia catalogue of them all to read through. There is lots of interesting background information on many categories, plus short historical vignettes and anecdotes scattered throughout the listings. The value of older pre-statehood Hawaiian tokens has skyrocketed! That is reason enough to get this book. The only problem I found with the book is that there are some errors in the numbering of the tokens and page references, plus some typo errors and sentence fragments, probably the result of the text having been computerized. The book is

available for \$25.00 plus \$2.00 shipping, from Hawaiian Islands Stamp and Coin, 1111 Bishop St., Honolulu, HI 96813.

If you like big books, the biggest exnumia book of them all has been published: Angelo A. Rosato's "Encyclopedia of the Modern Elongated", hard cover, 1760 pages, 8½x11, with over 4000 elongateds catalogued (of the years 1960-1976, plus unlisted older ones). The book covers everything about elongateds, from the first ones up to the present rollers. There is much new information on the early elongateds and the people who created them. The book is the size of a very thick telephone book. The price is \$129.95, but you can probably get a significant discount if you become a member of The Elongated Collector club. Write A.A. Rosato, 70 Grove St., New Milford, CT 06776.

Of local historical interest is a new book by Jeffrey Stanton: "Santa Monica Pier, A History From 1875 to 1990", soft cover, \$19.95, 194 photos. It is similar to his previous book on Venice, in size and format; CATC member Fred McGinnis was involved with the Venice book. The book is available in local westside bookstores; I recommend the Discount Library in Mar Vista (corner Venice and Grandview) where you can buy it at 10% discount.

FREE ADS FROM MEMBERS: (send them to Steve Alpert; must be different ad each issue.)

My 38th mail bid sale features Vietnam Military tokens, Amusement Tokens, Trade tokens, and much more. Request your free copy now; to close in Feb. Steve Alpert, Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066

I'll buy or swap WWI service medals issued by states, counties, cities, towns. Small, Box 19262CA, Jacksonville, FL 32245

Wanted: Foreign tokens. Please describe fully and price. Dan Jacobson, Box 277101, Sacramento, CA 95827-7101. I also collect passports.

I have been selling a fabulous CA collection, this year, at fixed prices. There have been an average of over 150 lots on each list. Lists are free to CATC members. Williges, Box 1245, Wheatland, CA 95692

For sale or trade: watch fobs, mechanical pencils, jack knives; have large assortment of Minn. tokens, will trade for other states, tokens are old & XF, Cecil F. Meeker, 1524 N. Prairie, Fairmont, MN 56031. Phone 507-238-1324

Wanted: Tokens and exnumia from Merced County Calif., for personal collection ultimately destined for the County Museum. J.C. Hoffman, P.O. Box 723, Merced, CA 95341

For sale - Out of print paper back book. The O.D.Cresswell "Comprehensive Directory of World Communion Tokens", \$65 plus \$1.50 postage. George Hosek, 7411 Idledale, Omaha, NE 68112-2805

Wanted: Civil War ID Tags. I'll buy or trade for Civil War relics. Top prices paid. Call Rich Burnham 213-214-4896 (evenings).

Wanted anything from Fresno, Madera, Kern, Kings & Tulare Counties. Photos, china, souvenir spoons, etc. Daniel Manasselian, P.O. Box 8342, Fresno, CA 93747

Member buying chauffeur's badges from Cal., Nev., Ariz., all states. M.J. O'Brien, 2305 Coach & Surrey Ln., Aurora, IL 60506

For Sale: Two piece round thick cardboard token set from Smoke House (Quincy, IL), 5¢ & 10¢, unlisted, \$2 postpaid. Send large SASE for price lists: 1) WV coal scrip, 2) Iowa trade tokens, 3) Iowa Dun and Bradstreet, 4) TAMS supplements. As always, Iowa tokens wanted. Dan Anderson, P.O. Box 2752, Iowa City, IA 52244

Will trade my "10" different medals for your "10" diff. Sam Petry, P.O. Box 167, St. John, IN 46373

For sale at 25¢ each my choice, 90% new, dog license tags from CA-WI-Canada. Australian tags \$1 each diff., with straps \$3 ea. plus post. & Ins. Mass state dog tags my choice, brass, 35¢ each. Will swap for car wash tokens (or buy) especially SOFSPRA. Dog license tags from Belgium, 1941-1949, best offer over \$25.00 ea. Also have a 1926 What am I offered??? John Nicolosi, 2565 Portola Dr. #43, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

LATE NEWS FLASH: Just back from Vegas; Binions Horseshoe issued a new set of 4 antique bronze \$1 tokens on Dec. 13th. I got one set only, to be auctioned at Jan. CATC meeting. Also noticed \$500 tokens at Mirage & Caesars Palace. Steve Alpert